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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

I particularly enjoyed reading Bob Gates' memorandum on academic work in the Soviet Union. It prompted a number of thoughts in my mind:

a. A suggestion that we do better at obtaining liaison with academics who receive our documents makes me want to expand our voluntary distribution of unclassified publications whenever we have them. Would you start with the forthcoming document on Chinese oil. Let's send it to all the people who were at the conference which we sponsored recently and any other Chinese experts.

b. I wonder also if we could not attempt to gain copies of monographs, dissertations, etc., produced by the academic community on Soviet, Chinese and other affairs of concern to us. Yes, we are going to have difficulty breaking through the crust of suspicion. If we can gain access to their publications, however, and then comment sensibly on those publications to them, could we not open some doors?

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